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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from August 15 to September 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area

1512363 - This project involves repairs and enhancements of a large oxbow system which directly borders the Rock River and several small wetlands south of the oxbow. Project was submitted for review on 5-11-15.

Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park

1602534 - This project involves establishing access to the Sangamon River at two different locations. Location 1 will remove invasive vegetation and grade a 275 If pathway to establish primitive canoe access. Location 2 will re-establish the old park road and boat access area to reestablish motorized boat access on the Sangamon River. Project was submitted for review on 8-4-15.

Pere Marquette State Park

1510682 - This project involves rehabilitating an existing pond and constructing a new pond and waterfall feature. Some existing sidewalks will be removed, a new concrete sidewalk constructed, and a new fishing pier. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-15.

Sanganois Conservation Area

1601226 - This project involves a land exchange with adjoining land-owner for land more favorable for the site. Project was submitted for review on 8-3-15.

Crawford County State Fish & Wildlife Area

1602570 - This project involves needed repairs to a low-water structure, protecting it from additional erosion and scouring. Project was submitted for review on 9-1-15.

Hennepin Canal

1602544 - This project involves installation of an emergency storm drain and control gate structure with embankment protection to outflow into the Hennepin Canal. The work will be conducted by the Village of Colona. Project was submitted for review on 8-31-15.

Mississippi River Area – Glades Management Area

1601290 - This project involves replacement of a 450' pump discharge pipe and flap gate. The pipe shall be replaced within the existing trench. A separate 30' long water transmission culvert will also be replaced. Project was submitted for review on 8-4-15.

Guzy Pothole Wetland Land & Water Reserve

1512997 - This project involves demolition of barn/corn crib at the Guzy Pothole Wetland L&WR. Project was submitted for review on 5-29-15.

Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

1512746 - This project involves construction of moist soil units. With the construction of the berms and installation of water control structures, it will provide the ability to impound water on an additional 17.7 acres. Project was submitted for review on 5-20-15.

Questions and Comments
All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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